

MID-MICHIGAN LIBRARY LEAGUE-ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting - Nov. 21, 2013 at the Cadillac-Wexford County Library

I. Call to Order: Chairperson Diane J. Eisenga called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Present: M. Andrus, R. Deery, T. Haight (also Board Trustee), M. Lansdale, L. Lewis, Q. Maynard, M. Moore, C. Tacoma. MMLL Board Trustees: G. Budinger, P. Colvin, J. Fleury, K. Frazho, L. Leedy. Also present: J. Lawrence, MMLL Cooperative Director and D. Alward arrived later

NOTE: This was a joint meeting of the Advisory Council and the MMLL Board. The Board Meeting followed.

II. Communications and Approval of Agenda: A copy of "School and Libraries News Brief" dated November 19, 2013 was distributed. Agenda was approved.

III. Old Business

- 1. ILL Statistics** - Director Lawrence presented "MMLL FY 2012-2013 ILL Statistics Summary by Month" and "ILL at MMLL". Members reviewed the information, which showed a significant decrease in both MMLL and OCLC requests for borrowed materials (now outsourced to the White Pine Cooperative). 13 member libraries had zero requests. Questions followed: Why were some member libraries not on the list? Did they use ILL? How many member libraries participate in MeLCat? Was a training session needed so library staff could complete the ILL forms correctly to eliminate mistakes and delays? Discussion followed. TADL is now participating in MeLCat which will affect ILL numbers. Lawrence said that it takes more time to search ILL requests from MMLL libraries because there are more catalogs to be searched for requests. Questions regarding the ILL form could be answered via phone or email to MMLL so a workshop was probably not necessary.

IV. New Business

- 1. Annual Report to the State:** Director Lawrence reminded all members to get their State Aid Report submitted. He thought the deadline for submission was Feb. 1st.
- 2. E-Rate/Universal Funding Applications:** Lawrence has done several telephone consults for member libraries working on E-Rate applications. Many members out source e-rate filings due to the complexity of the application process.
- 3. Performers Showcase date set:** January 9th at a site in Kalkaska. Lawrence is working with Brad Chaplin (Kalkaska County Library) to find an appropriate facility that is free. Will verify a site and notify members. The theme for Summer Reading 2014 is science-based.
- 4. What's Happening at your Library** - Discussion of issues, events, technology, problems...

BIG RAPIDS - During renovation, library services will be provided from a basement at Ferris State University. MLA annual conference was exciting.

MCBAIN COMMUNITY - Elementary students will be taught library skills via new technology (SmartTV, etc.), which allows an interactive learning experience.

REED CITY - Working toward "District Library" status.

HOUGHTON LAKE - Providing internship for a local resident who will begin graduate studies in library science at Wayne State University in January.

PENTWATER - Lewis will serve as Interim Director since no applicant accepted the director's position.

SHELBY - Along with Friends group will host the Celebration of Trees, which features decorated trees and wreaths that are bid on through a silent auction. Local tree farms donate the trees. Wreaths are donated too. Shelby has purchased additional space and will be expanding the library.

SUTTONS BAY - Renovated the meeting room in the lower level and working with folks to get them to use it. Friends group will host a gala fundraising event and Deery is helping with logistics.

TRAVERSE AREA - Kalkaska may be the first to participate in TADL's technology project, which will feature Evergreen software, VOIP, print management, RFID tagging, etc., on a contractual basis. MeLCat is active. Hired Youth Services Librarian. Will participate in an Impact Survey sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which measures how technology impacts patrons. Other libraries may use the survey too.

ARDIS MISSAUKEE - Will host a presentation on the Affordable Care Act and participate again in Battle of the Books. Will host a 15 year celebration and offer horse-drawn carriages and a harpist.

CADILLAC-WEXFORD - Will participate in the northern tour of the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum for summer reading 2014. Partnered to offer the Zinio Magazine Collection in digital format. Involving teens and tweens in programming.

V. Adjournment: 11:07am. Board of Trustees meeting to follow.

Minutes prepared by:



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